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1. SHORTLY AFTER REFTEL WAS TRANSMITTED AGHA SHAHI PHONED ME TO SAY GOP NOW STRONGLY DESIRES THAT USG DELAY RECOGNIZING KABUL GOVT. NEW ELEMENT IS THAT IRANIAN FONMIN HAS JUST INFORMED GOP THROUGH IRANIAN AMB HERE THAT IRAN INTENDS TO DELAY ITS RECOGNITION FOR SOME DAYS, AND THAT IRANIANS ARE REQUESTING BOTH USG AND GOP TO DO LIKEWISE. SHAHI SAID GOP HAD EARLIER BEEN PREPARED TO MEET USG WISH FOR RECOGNITION ON MAY 4 OR 5 AND HAVE GOP DO SO NEARLY SIMULTANEOUSLY. HOWEVER, NOW HAVING RECEIVED IRAN'S DIRECT REQUEST FOR DELAY, GOP COULD HARDLY GO AHEAD. HE SAID GOP FEELS IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO AVOID ANY IMPRESSION OF DISARRAY AMONG PAKISTAN, USG AND IRAN. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IF USG MOVES FIRST AND PAKISTAN DOES SO ONLY LATER THERE WOULD BE
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SEVERE MISUNDERSTANDING WITHIN PAKISTAN, AND AFGHANS MIGHT ALSO DRAW WRONG CONCLUSIONS. I SAID I WOULD PASS THIS REQUEST IMMEDIATELY.

2. COMMENT: AMB ELIOT WILL WISH TO GIVE HIS OWN VIEWS ABOUT EFFECTS OF DELAY. FROM HERE WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE THAT CHRONICALLY INSECURE PAKISTANIS MAY WELL INTERPRET LACK

OF COORDINATION WITH USG IN THIS MATTER AS LACK OF US SUPPORT
FOR GOP. LIKEWISE WE AGREE ON DESIRABILITY OF COORDINATION
AMONG ALL THREE COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT WE HAVE
SOLICITED THEIR VIEWS.
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